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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HISASHI MITAMURA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LEUNG, P.
SERIAL NO: 09/902,697 :
FILED: JULY 12, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3742
FOR: APPARATUS FOR HEATING A :
GREEN TIRE

ELECTION OF SPECIES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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In response to the election of species requirement of September 9, 2003, Applicants hereby elect species of Figs. 15(a) and 15(b). Claims 1-12 correspond to this species.

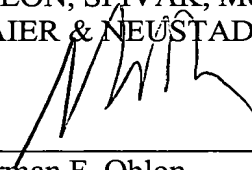
This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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